

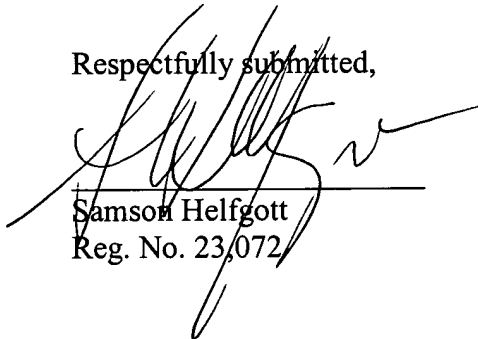
## REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5 line 16 with the following:**

According to the arrangement of the ATM-PON 100 shown in FIG. 61, a main signal generated from the OLT 101 is distributed through the passive device 104~~2~~ in a passive manner. Therefore, it is physically impossible to distribute the signal (message) from the OLT 101 to a selected one of ONUs 103. Accordingly, all of the ONUs 103 once receive the same signal and each of the units 103 determines whether the received signal shall be discarded or not depending on whether or not the PON-ID attached to the received signal (at the PON-ID field 113) is coincident with its own identification number. In this way, the signal can be selectively received.

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